

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

For the Creation of Supportive Housing Services for Persons Discharged from Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of Program: Supportive Housing Services for Persons Discharged from Hagedorn State Psychiatric Hospital

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of Supportive Housing and related services for persons on CEPP status in Hagedorn, many of whom have co-existing medical conditions that require in-home assistance. Many may be experiencing active delusions and/or are refusing to leave the hospital. This funding will provide new housing opportunities for a minimum of 20 individuals who are currently on CEPP status in Hagedorn. The DMHAS will identify the consumers to be served through this funding, and will work with successful applicants in assessing service and support needs for successful community living. The provider agency must accept consumers identified by DMHAS as appropriate for the Supportive Housing program, consistent with the consumer attributes delineated in this RFP, within the timeframes identified by DMHAS. Agency staff will begin working with identified consumers as soon as possible after contract award but prior to actual discharge to facilitate relationship building, determine housing preference and assess needs.

Amount of funding available: \$888,095 subject to State appropriation, is expected to be available state-wide to serve a minimum of 20 CEPP individuals in enhanced supportive housing. Priority consideration will be given to those agencies that have already leveraged capital funding and have the ability to place consumers into new supportive housing units by the end of FY12.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal:

1. The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit organization and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing mental health support, rehabilitation, and treatment or housing services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.
2. The applicant must currently meet DMHAS residential licensing standards, or be capable of meeting such standards were a contract to be awarded.

3. The applicant must be able to demonstrate the ability to provide, or experience and success in providing, housing and supportive services in permanent, lease-based housing settings to the targeted mental health consumer described in this RFP.
4. The applicant must be willing to accept into service those consumers identified by the DMHAS.
5. Non-public applicants must demonstrate that they are incorporated through the New Jersey Department of State and provide documentation of their current non-profit status under Federal 501 (c) (3) regulations, as applicable.
6. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.
7. The applicant must be a government entity or a corporation duly registered to conduct business in the State of New Jersey.
8. The applicant must comply with, the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual. The applicant must comply with, the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).
9. Any fiscally viable corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management webpage at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/home/resources/>.

Applicants may contact the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Contract Unit at 609-777-0628 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

Procedure to apply: Effective February 13, 2012, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/>. or by contacting Cathy Boland, at (609)777-0708. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., March 5, 2012. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, one copy of the proposal with an original signature and six hard copies must be submitted. No format other than the PDF and one signed original and six hardcopies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal: Applicants will be notified no later than **March 26, 2012.**

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date